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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Luigi FORLAI

Application No.: 09/609,142

Filed: June 30, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
GENERATING A SALE OFFER
OVER AN ELECTRONIC
NETWORK SYSTEM

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) Group Art Unit: 3624

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) Examiner: Narayanswamy Subramanian
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated July 2, 2003, the period for reply to which has been extended through January 2, 2004 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time of five (5) months and the requisite fee payment, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-15, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method of making a sale offer over an electronic network system, classified in class 705, subclass 37;
- II. Claims 16-18, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an apparatus for facilitating a transaction between a buyer and a seller where credit card is used to make payment, classified in class 705, subclass 37;

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- III. Claims 19-37, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an apparatus for facilitating a sale offer transaction between a seller and a buyer where the offer is withdrawn if there is not acceptance of the offer within a predetermined time, classified in class 705, subclass 37;
- IV. Claims 38-49 characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method of making a sale offer from a seller to at least one buyer visiting a Internet web site, classified in class 705, subclass 37; and
- V. Claims 50-61 characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a system for providing a electronic sale offer from a seller to at least one buyer visiting an Internet web site, classified in class 705, subclass 37.

In response, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-15.

Please grant any necessary extensions of time and charge any additional fees due with the filing of this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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